

## **News Release**

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### **Dr. Leon Carl Named Director of USGS Great Lakes Science Center**

Dr. Leon Carl, a long-time natural resource manager and researcher in the Great Lakes area, has been named center director for the USGS Great Lakes Science Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. The USGS center provides scientific information for restoring, managing and protecting living resources and their habitats in the Great Lakes basin ecosystem. Carl will oversee more than 100 employees across the region with an annual budget of about \$9.6 million.

“Dr. Carl will be an excellent director for the Great Lakes Science Center,” said Suzette Kimball, USGS eastern regional executive for biology. “The scientific and management issues of the Great Lakes region are challenging, and his background has provided him with the experience and knowledge to meet that challenge.”

Carl is formerly the director of the Watershed Science Center at Trent University in Ontario and has published more than 30 scientific papers and reports on issues related to species and habitats of the Great Lakes Basin. He has also worked for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

With bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees from the University of Michigan, Dr. Carl is no stranger to Ann Arbor and the Great Lakes area, “I grew up spending summers on the shores of Lake Huron and have wanted to get back to it for some time. This position will provide an excellent chance for me to reconnect with my colleagues here” Dr. Carl said.

In addition to responsibilities in Ann Arbor, Carl will have oversight for the administration of the USGS center’s five research vessels and eight field stations. Those facilities are the Lake Superior Biological Station, Ashland, Wis.; Lake Michigan Ecological Research Station, Porter, Ind.; Cheboygan Vessel Base, Cheboygan, Mich.; Munising Biological Station, Munising, Mich.; Hammond Bay Biological Station, Millersburg, Mich.; Lake Erie Biological Station, Sandusky, Ohio; Lake Ontario Biological Station, Oswego, N.Y.; and Tunison Laboratory of Aquatic Science, Cortland, N.Y. For more information on the Great Lakes Science Center, please visit [www.glsc.usgs.gov](http://www.glsc.usgs.gov).

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